

Shell Fruit

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The post-war variant of a seasonal delicacy, little has changed about it's appeal since the bombs fell. The successor of Pomegranates, Shell Fruit are so named for the increased difficulty of getting to the seeds, with the shell of the fruit being comparable to a coconut.


Biology

Shell Fruit grow on trees, which can reach heights of between 20 and 40 feet, and can live for around fifty years. This is an extreme reduction from the pre-war lifespans, though this is assumed to be caused by the radiation they absorb throughout their life. The fruit begin to grow after the tree's third year and are typically located under the flowers, hanging from the branches. The trees continue to grow in the winter, but the development of the fruit is based on the length of the day, so it is limited to seasonal production, with the rare exception of an indoor operation.

Properties

Shell Fruit are most known (and named) for their tough shell, which often require a machete or suitable equivalent to breach. The fruit themselves can grow up to an foot in height, and five inches wide. Once opened, they are full of reddish-pink seeds that can be sweet or sour depending on the soil conditions the tree was

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Origins	
Species Base	Punica granatum
Created by	Radiation
Propagation	Seeds
Attributes	
Height	1'
Lifespan	Three Weeks Off of The Tree

grown in. The seeds are a rich source of fiber and vitamin C, though the effort required in growing and opening them mean they are a relative luxury in the wasteland. Despite this there are several orchards throughout their habitable regions in the South-west, providing the well-to-do with an alternative to more common fare, such as mutfruit.

Mashing the seeds into a pulp can also provide cooking oil, giving anything cooked in it a hint of Shell Fruit flavor, as well as a slight pinkish tint. The Shells of the fruit are often dried and then used as a novel crafting material, with some tribes making small boxes or containers from them as well as ashtrays, all of which are usually sold to richer tourists.

Habitat

Shell Fruit thrive in warm, dry regions of the wastes, such as Southern [California](#), certain areas in the [Southwestern commonwealth](#), as well as [Baja California](#) and parts of Northern [Mexico](#). It is possible to grow it in wetter climates with the same median temperature, but an excess of water typical leads to root decay or [fungus](#) of the tree. Shell Fruit also fair decently in higher climates, though don't tend to weather frosts particularly well. Species of Shell Fruit are presumed to still survive in it's region of origin, perhaps even unmutated, though no one has been able to travel there to see.

Flora	
Berries	Berbery Bush · Blood Berry · Crakberry · Duneprune · Radberries · Sunberry
Bushes	Bean Bush · Itchers · Needlebush · Floralis Incendia · Viridiflora Densitas · Argentea Sporaflora · Viridicalis Ascendens
Flowers	Amber Crest Goldenrod · Azure Sphere Thistle · Berry Bloom · Cardinal Spear Rush · Celestial Canopy Tree · Clustercone Hopbloom · Coffeeweed · Crimson Crested Polypody · Devil's Bane · Einhart's Flower · Elecblob · Fire Bloom · Flareburst Milkweed · Flesh Wad · Giant Skywisp Dandelion · Horny Bleater Weed · Iron Thistle Starbloom · Luminous Spectralroot · Mosaic Flamebloom · Ochre Bloomwood · Prairie Bitters · Prairie Goldwhisk · Purple People Eater · Radgauze · Radiant Water Cloak · Rubrifruit Cultivar · Scarlet Crown Milkweed · Shutter Eye · Snowcap Berry Cluster · Sulphuric Blaze Shroud · Sunchaser · Titan Parasol · Titan Pitcher · Tower Flower · Tri-Fi · Verdant Glimmerroot · Lakebed Lotus · Cascading Green Veil · Sphaerocystis toxiphora · Firepike Blossom · Candelabra Cactus · Meadow Sphere Stalk · Bouquet · Embercone Flower · Bouquet · Green Crown Spiny · Stone Spore Clusters · Aloe rubrocostos · Lumina Sylvarum · Cerulean Sentinel · Helix Nebularis · Joshua Verdeus · Barrelus Solaris · Serpentin Columna · Carminea Viridis · Vertis Spiculum
Fungus	False Cap · Gum-Drops · Lighting Lichen · Mountain Eggs · Ring Cap · Dome Fungi · Nebula Arborum
Grains	Frost Grain · GH-afq-7m

Grasses	Devil Grass · Lemon Bush · Vanilla Grass
Trees	Bloatroot Tree · Eight Horns · Gristols · Rape Trees · Shell Fruit · Solar Crest Pine · Sugar Blood Tree · Voltanis Arborum · Water Plum · Dragons Crown Tree · Exotic Candelabra Plant · Sentinel Stone Plant · Enchanted Grove Tree · Starlight Bloom · Skyseed Tower · Fire Monolith Sequoia · Cumuloplanta gigantea · High Canopy Colossus · Exalted Cluster Tree · Mystic Bloodwood Tree · Sylvan Medusan · Astronopis Infernalis · Vulcan Agave · Aerialis Arborum · Colorata Floresco · Resilientus Pinyon · Araucaria Titanica · Radiantus Stellaris · Helios Verdantis · Gigantus Robur · Fibra Radiata · Aureus Lux Arbor
Vines	Spine Vine · Squeezer Vine
other	Glow Foam



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